

IC 16-41-41**Chapter 41. Stroke Prevention Task Force****IC 16-41-41-1****"Task force"**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the stroke prevention task force established by section 2 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.69-2004, SEC.2.

IC 16-41-41-2**Stroke prevention task force established**

Sec. 2. The stroke prevention task force is established.

As added by P.L.69-2004, SEC.2.

IC 16-41-41-3**Members of task force**

Sec. 3. (a) The task force consists of fifteen (15) members as follows:

- (1) The state health commissioner or the commissioner's designee.
- (2) The secretary of family and social services or the secretary's designee.
- (3) Two (2) representatives of a stroke support organization.
- (4) Four (4) physicians with an unlimited license to practice medicine under IC 25-22.5 and with expertise in stroke, including at least:
 - (A) one (1) physician;
 - (B) one (1) neurologist;
 - (C) one (1) neuroradiologist; and
 - (D) one (1) emergency care physician who is a member of the American College of Emergency Physicians.
- (5) One (1) health care provider who provides rehabilitative services to persons who have had a stroke.
- (6) One (1) nurse with a license to practice under IC 25-23.
- (7) One (1) representative nominated by the Indiana Health and Hospital Association.
- (8) One (1) representative from an emergency medical services organization or provider.
- (9) One (1) representative from the Indiana Minority Health Coalition.
- (10) One (1) stroke survivor or stroke survivor caregiver.
- (11) One (1) recreational therapist who provides services to persons who have had a stroke.

(b) The governor shall appoint the members of the task force designated by subsection (a)(3) through (a)(11). The governor may remove an appointed member for cause.

As added by P.L.69-2004, SEC.2.

IC 16-41-41-4**Terms of members**

Sec. 4. Each member of the task force serves a term of four (4) years. A member appointed to fill a vacancy holds office for the remainder of the unexpired term.
As added by P.L.69-2004, SEC.2.

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Quorum

Sec. 5. Eight (8) members of the task force constitute a quorum for transacting all business of the task force. The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members appointed to the council are required for the task force to take action on any measure.
As added by P.L.69-2004, SEC.2.

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Governor appoints members

Sec. 6. The governor shall appoint one (1) council member to serve as chair and one (1) council member to serve as vice chair. The chair and vice chair serve a term of one (1) year.
As added by P.L.69-2004, SEC.2.

IC 16-41-41-7

Quarterly meetings

Sec. 7. The task force shall meet at least quarterly.
As added by P.L.69-2004, SEC.2.

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Department provides staff

Sec. 8. The state department shall provide staff for the task force.
As added by P.L.69-2004, SEC.2.

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Duties of task force

- Sec. 9. The task force shall do the following:
- (1) Complete a statewide comprehensive stroke needs assessment.
 - (2) Develop and implement a comprehensive statewide public education program on stroke prevention, targeted to high risk populations and to geographic areas where there is a high incidence of stroke.
 - (3) Recommend and disseminate guidelines on the treatment of stroke patients, including emergency stroke care.
 - (4) Ensure that the public and health care providers are informed regarding the most effective strategies for stroke prevention.
 - (5) Advise the state department concerning grant opportunities for providers of emergency medical services and for hospitals to improve care to stroke patients.
 - (6) Study and issue recommendations on other topics related to stroke care and prevention as determined by the chairperson.
 - (7) Prepare a report each year on the operation of the task force

and provide the report to the following:

(A) The governor.

(B) The commissioner of the state department.

(C) The legislative council. The report under this clause must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

As added by P.L.69-2004, SEC.2.

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Expenses of task force

Sec. 10. The expenses of the task force shall be paid from funds appropriated to the state department.

As added by P.L.69-2004, SEC.2.

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Task force expires

Sec. 11. This chapter expires July 1, 2008.

As added by P.L.69-2004, SEC.2.